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REF: (A) TREASURY 101938Z APR 78, (B) KUWAIT 2039

1. FINANCE MINISTER ATEEQI'S OFFICE DIRECTOR (AND EMBASSY)
UNCLEAR AS TO PRECISELY WHAT "INTERIM COMMITTEE" IS MEETING IN
MEXICO CITY IN LATE APRIL. MINISTER'S OFFICE DIRECTOR SAID
HE KNEW OF NO PLANS FOR MINISTER OR OTHER FINANCE MINISTRY
OFFICIAL TO BE IN MEXICO AT THAT TIME. MINISTER ALREADY HAS
SOME APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED FOR PERIOD AROUND APRIL 28, BUT
OFFICE DIRECTOR INDICATED THAT THESE COULD BE CHANGED. HE
COMMENTED THAT IF "INTERIM COMMITTEE" MEETING RELATED TO IMF,
KUWAIT WOULD MOST LIKELY SIMPLY BE REPRESENTED BY ITS IMF
REPRESENTATIVE.

2. EMBASSY WILL BE HAPPY TO PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH
ATEEQI, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION REGARDING "INTERIM
COMMITTEE" BEFORE APPROACHING HIM. DOES TREASURY WISH US TO
ENCOURAGE HIM TO ATTEND MEXICO CITY MEETING?

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3. IN REF B WE SUGGESTED THAT TREASURY MAY WISH TO MAKE
CONTACT WITH KHALED ABU SA'UD, GOK'S LEADING FINANCIAL
AND INVESTMENT ADVISOR, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN WASHINGTON
APRIL 17-20. IF MEETING WITH ATEEQI NOT FEASIBLE, ABU SA'UD
WOULD BE BY FAR THE NEXT BEST MAN TO SEE. HE IS PRESENTLY IN
EUROPE AND WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN THAT HE WILL IN FACT MAKE
TRIP TO WASHINGTON UNTIL HIS RETURN TO KUWAIT APRIL 15. IF

TREASURY INTERESTED IN MEETING FOR ABU SA'UD WITH UNDERSECRETARY
SOLOMON OR POSSIBLY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL, PLEASE ADVISE SO
THAT WE MAY CONTACT ABU SA'UD IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN.
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